

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to make several edits to the newly-established Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) unit. These changes include: establishing OAH a self-governing agency, making all hearing officers and OAH employers non-classified state employees, adding a provision regarding the chief administrative hearing officer, authorizing but not mandating the promulgation of rules, authorizing the chief administrative officer to practice law that is otherwise permitted by a judge under Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct, making adjustments to hearing officer qualifications, and making certain writings or work related to decision making in any administrative proceeding exempt from public disclosure.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state's General fund or any dedicated fund or federal fund because it merely makes non-budget related changes to the Office of Administrative Hearings Coordinator statute.

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